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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:
Murphy, et al.

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For: ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR
CONNECTING ELECTRICAL MEDICAL
COMPONENTS

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004, applicant hereby elects, Group III, Claims 28-40, which are drawn to a device use in a surgical room.

Applicant's election is made with traverse on the grounds that the embodiments delineated by the examiner are not patentably distinct and therefore constitute a single invention concept.

An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for further examination and such action is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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